Heritage Statement

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Project: Lower Wickens Farm Upperthong

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1.00 Summary

1.01 The scheme proposes the addition of solar panels and an air source heat pump to the property.

1.02 The buildings form a discrete group within a high value rural agricultural landscape on the edge of the village of Upperthong between Holmfirth and Meltham. The setting is retained by the proposal.

1.03 The openness of the green belt is not harmed by the proposal nor does it challenge any of the other functions of green belt land.

2.00 Policy

2.01 The property, which comprises a Grade II listed farmhouse plus cottages, barn and outbuildings, sits within green belt on the east side of Wickens Lane on the north-western edge of the village of Upperthong between the towns of Holmfirth and Meltham. See Fig.1. It is within an Area of High Landscape Value. Please note, the alternative spelling of Wickens as Wickins is found on various documents and for the purposes of this statement should be regarded as interchangeable.

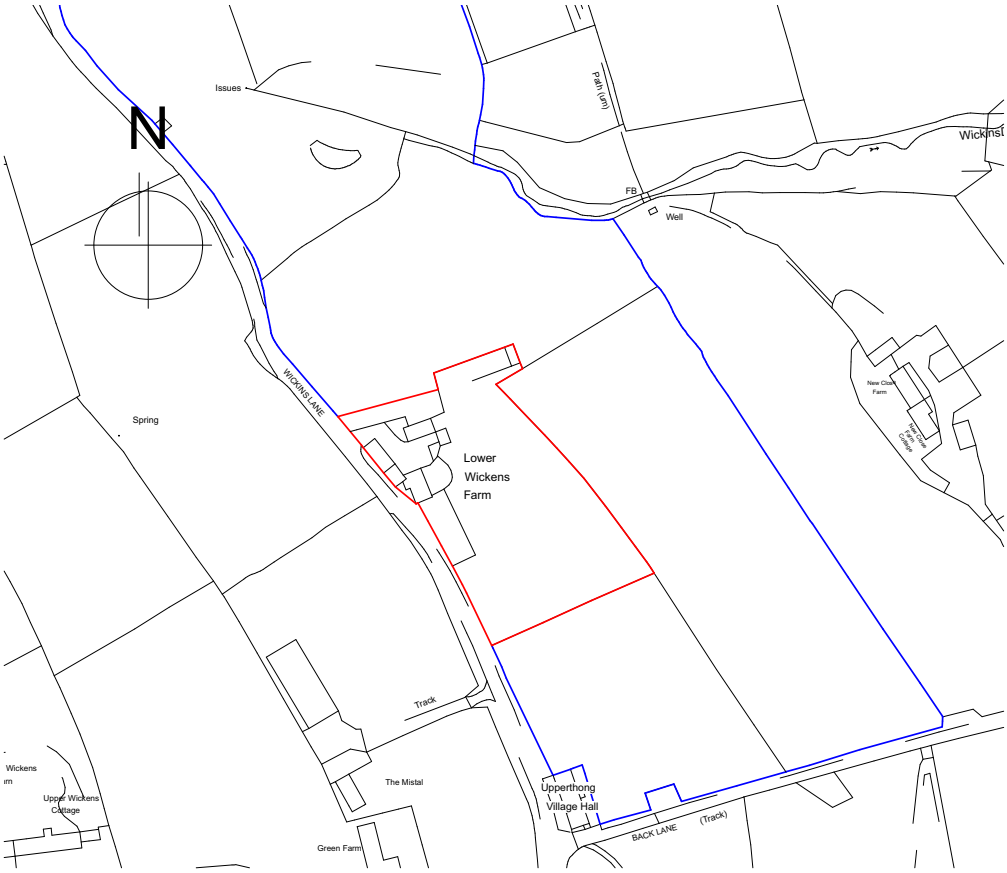

Figure 1: Location Plan

2.03 The farmhouse and barn group is built tight to the highway boundary and turns its back on the road to face across to the former cottages. The haphazard disposition of the buildings around the central yard together with the stone linking/flanking walls is part of the essential character to be maintained.

2.03 The intention is to undertake minimal careful interventions to make sustainable alterations to the property to allow for better use of the accommodation offered by the building group whilst retaining the character and the historic fabric.

3.00 Heritage Statement

3.01 Lower Wickens Farmhouse is a good example of a late C18 – early C19 West Yorkshire farmhouse of two storeys in hammer dressed local stone under a stone slate roof. It has gable copings, mullioned windows in groups and a near central principal door under a deep stone lintel, amongst other characteristic features. It is generally well preserved and contributes to the local environment.

3.02 The setting of the farmhouse as part of a group of buildings around a central yard adds to the value of the heritage asset. The general quality of the other buildings in the group, whilst not up to that of the farmhouse, is good and adds value.

3.03 Alterations and interventions are minor and aimed at:

- Adding Infinity RT solar panels to the outbuilding
- Adding an Aerona - HPR290155 air source heat pump to the house – specification sheet can be found in Appendix 1.

3.04 The character and form of the building group is maintained. The air source heat pump will be located behind the garden wall and will therefore be unable to be viewed from the public highway.

3.05 The setting of the group within the landscape is retained. We commend the scheme as ensuring that the value of the historic fabric is retained and the heritage asset preserved for future generations whilst performing a useful function in accordance with the spirit and guidance of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Appendix 1

AERONA³

Consisting of four single phase models – 6kW, 10kW, 13kW and 17kW – the Aerona³ R32 heat pumps provide heating and hot water for properties. Each unit operates at high efficiencies even when the external temperatures are low, making for a cost-effective renewable alternative to traditional off-gas heating methods. Furthermore, the Aerona³ heat pumps have minimal impact on their surroundings being compact in size and quiet in operation.

6kW	HPID6R32
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	675
Width (mm)	898
Depth (mm)	379.4
Weight (Full) (kg)	52.8
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	4.61
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA)	54.2

10kW	HPID10R32
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	882
Width (mm)	874
Depth (mm)	405
Weight (Full) (kg)	71.8
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	5.20
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA)	53

13kW	HPID12R32
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	1418
Width (mm)	1024
Depth (mm)	403
Weight (Full) (kg)	101
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	5.40
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA)	49.8

17kW	HPID17R32
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	1418
Width (mm)	1024
Depth (mm)	403
Weight (Full) (kg)	120
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	4.54
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA)	50.6

[1] When installed by a G1 accredited installer. T&Cs apply
[2] (BS EN 14825 average climate conditions @ 35° flow)

AERONA 290

Using the more sustainable R290 refrigerant, which has an incredibly low Global Warming Potential of 3, the Aerona 290 heat pumps combine exceptional performance with an eye-catching design. Five single phase units are available – 4kW, 6.5kW, 9kW, 12kW and 15.5kW – all of which are Quiet Mark approved. Not only does the Aerona 290 have ultra-low noise levels and a modern colourway, it is also very energy efficient providing homeowners with a reliable, low carbon and even more environmentally friendly solution for heating their homes and hot water.

4kW	HPR2904
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	803
Width (mm)	1155
Depth (mm)	422
Weight (Full) (kg)	102
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	5.00
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA) Q=2	40.0

6.5kW	HPR29065
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	854
Width (mm)	1223
Depth (mm)	461
Weight (Full) (kg)	117
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	5.08
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA) Q=2	43.7

9kW	HPR2909
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	854
Width (mm)	1223
Depth (mm)	461
Weight (Full) (kg)	133
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	4.74
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA) Q=2	45.6

12kW	HPR29012
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	1365
Width (mm)	1155
Depth (mm)	425
Weight (Full) (kg)	157
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	4.74
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA) Q=2	44.0

15.5kW	HPR290155
ErP Rating[1] (Heating)	A+++
Height (mm)	1365
Width (mm)	1155
Depth (mm)	425
Weight (Full) (kg)	184
SCOP average climate conditions[2]	4.56
Sound pressure level at 1m (dBA) Q=2	44.9

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